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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: NI et al.

Application Serial No.: 09/227,854

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or: Human Chemotactic Cytokine I

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO PAPER NO. 7

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 2, 2000 (Paper No. 7), Applicants hereby request that the Examiner's objections and rejections be removed in light of the remarks enclosed herein. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months up to and including April 2, 2001; (b) a Fee Transmittal, with appropriate fee(s); (c) Copy of an executed Declaration of Jian Ni, Guo-Liang Yu, Pedro Alfonso, Jeffrey Su, and Reiner Gentz Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 and Exhibits A-D; (d) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO/SB/08A, and reference B2; and (e) a copy of ATCC Deposit Receipt No. 97304.

Remarks

Claims 35-59 are pending in this application. Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to reference "B1" listed on the Form PTO-1449, filed February 8, 2000, which was incorrectly cited as "EP73116-A2." The correct serial number of this reference, "EP731166-A2," is cited on Form PTO/SB/08A as reference "B2," submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and objections in view of the following remarks.